



Town of Arlington
Department of Public Works
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Commercial Collection Program

New commercial customers should contact DPW for details.



Dear Resident,

Due to the popularity of Community Collection Day, the Arlington Recycling Center will expand and replace this annual event and spread collection of items over twelve months.

Page four of this guide outlines what items are collected each month, to allow for easy planning. Now residents will have four opportunities to drop off sharps for safe collection, three paper shredding opportunities, and multiple months for dropping off bikes (Bikes Not Bombs), and resalable building materials (Boston Building Resources).

Each month you can drop off rigid packing foam (the kind that protects new electronics), bulky rigid plastic (crates and storage tubs), scrap metal, clothes and textiles as well as books and pre-recorded media. Every weekday, as well as monthly, you can drop off electronic waste (some fees apply).

At the monthly Recycling Center events you don't have to wait in a long line, and you can ask our knowledgeable volunteers your recycling questions.

We look forward to offering residents this expanded service. If you would like to volunteer at the Recycling Center, please contact recycling coordinator Charlotte Milan at 781-316-3108 or cmilan@town.arlington.ma.us

**Free RECYCLING stickers
available at
DPW Office
51 Grove Street**



Printed on recycled paper.

Town of Arlington 2017-2018 Recycling and Trash Guide for Residents

Recycling and Trash Program Rules

Place trash on the curb no later than 7:00 AM on your trash pickup day and not before 6:00 PM the day before your collection day. Any item left on the curb past 9:00 PM on the day after pickup is subject to fines. No container or bundle for collection may exceed 50 lbs.

Recycling: Weekly collection is mandatory and enforced. Do not remove empty recycling bins before trash has been collected.

Trash Limit: Each household has a 100-gallon limit, or the equivalent of three 32-gallon trash barrels. While you may use trash bags at the curb, Arlington recommends placing all trash in a barrel.

Excess Trash: In cases when a household predicts they will have more trash than is allowed per week, JRM can be contacted directly for a paid pick-up. The charge is \$10 per five 32-gallon barrels (\$10 minimum).

Weekly Unlimited Yard Waste Collection (in season): Paper leaf bags and clearly marked barrels are the only acceptable containers for yard waste. Plastic bags of yard waste cannot be collected as trash or as yard waste.

Bulk Trash Items: One bulk item is accepted with curbside collection per household, per week. Examples include mattresses/box springs (one set), wood bed frames, furniture, microwaves, toilets, sinks, and area rugs and carpet (one room, cut, rolled, and tied to 3' lengths or less). Tires can be recycled at local tire service stations for a fee. Bulky rigid plastic items are recyclable at the monthly Arlington Recycling Center.

Metal items: Large metal bulk items may require special handling or fees. Call JRM before putting these on the curb: metal bed frames, grills, lawn mowers (fluids removed) and exercise equipment. Propane tanks can be recycled at DPW, see Dispatcher during business hours.

State Laws Regulate and Define Household Waste:

Only acceptable household waste is collected by the Town contractor, JRM Hauling and Recycling, Inc. Acceptable household waste excludes any materials covered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waste Bans, such as inherently dangerous, toxic, or hazardous wastes regulated by State and Federal authorities. Waste ban items include televisions and CRTs, construction and demolition debris, auto parts, stumps (regardless of size), dirt, rocks, concrete, biological waste, ammunition, and explosives. For a full list visit: www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/solid/wastebans.htm

Disposal and Recycling Options

(non-curbside collection)

Composting: DPW sells compost bins at a discount. Visit www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle or call DPW for details.

TV/Computer Monitors (CRTs): Bring TVs and computer monitors to the DPW office for proper disposal, \$10 per TV/monitor, \$5 per laptop. Leave the items in your car while you pay the fee then you can drive to the disposal location, where you must be able to lift/transfer the units out of your car yourself. There is no staff assistance on site. Curbside pickup is available through JRM Hauling for a fee: \$38 for TVs with screens 36" and under, \$50 for larger. Call JRM to pay and schedule a pickup.

Electronic Waste (e-waste): Please recycle these items at DPW during regular business hours for free. Examples include cell phones and home phones, DVD players, small appliances, radio/stereo equipment, hard drives, cables, printers, ink and toner cartridges. View the full list of acceptable items online at: www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle

Appliances (white goods): Appliances are collected at the curb, by appointment only, for recycling (\$20 per unit). Call JRM to schedule a pick-up. Examples include clothes washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water heaters, and dehumidifiers. Micro-waves are considered a bulk trash item.

Mercury: These items should be kept out of the trash. Please bring the following items to DPW for proper handling: Batteries (button cell and rechargeable), thermometers and thermostats. Alkaline batteries go in the trash.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs: NOT accepted at curb or at DPW: Bring to a hardware store for proper disposal.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Banned from household waste, HHW is collected eight times per year in Lexington (see p.3 for dates). A list of acceptable items is listed here: www.arlingtonma.gov/hhw.

Paint: Oil-based paints are disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste collections. Latex paint should be completely dried, then disposed in regular trash.

Medications: Unwanted medications can be dropped off 24 hours a day, 7 days per week in the medication disposal drop box at the Community Safety Building, 112 Mystic Street. Never place these items down a drain.

Sharps: Collected (in red sharps containers only) at four specific Recycling Center events, see page 4 for dates. Call Board of Health for information: 781-316-3170.



Keep our streets clean!



Help prevent litter by "right-sizing" your Recycling Container.
Do Not **OVERSTUFF** any containers curbside.



Curbside Recycling Instructions

Three categories of materials are collected by three separate trucks: trash, recycling and yard waste (seasonal). Keep all containers grouped together at the curb. Complete program rules are on page 1 of this guide.

Trash: While trash bags are collected at the curb, residents are encouraged to use trash barrels with lids, per state public health regulations. Trash is limited to 100 gallons per week per household, and a 32-35 gallon barrel size is advised.

Recycling: The Town does not distribute recycling bins. When choosing your own bin or barrel, blue containers are the best choice, but if you reuse an existing container it must be clearly marked with a DPW RECYCLING sticker. Please choose a recycling container that is large enough to accommodate your recycling and prevent it from blowing away. Unlimited amounts of recycling are accepted at the curb. Recycling must accompany trash at curb. To ensure trash is collected, do not remove empty recycling bins before trash has been collected.

Single Stream Preparation: Arlington recycling is single-stream, but residents may continue to keep paper and cardboard separated. All recyclables (cans, bottles, jars, cartons) must be rinsed free of all contaminants. Remove and discard all corks in trash. To recycle plastic lids, remove some air from the container and then re-attach the lid.

CANS



Aluminum and Steel Cans
empty and rinse

CARTONS



Food and Beverage Cartons
empty, no caps or straws

GLASS



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse

PAPER



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Boxes,
Magazines, and Cardboard
flatten when possible

PLASTIC



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath:
Bottles and Containers.
empty and replace caps

At the Curb



Recycle these items curbside
in your recycling barrel or bin,
blue preferred



Do Not bag
recyclables.
No garbage.



No bags.
(return to retail)



No styrofoam
containers,
trays, or foam.



No clothing
or linens.
(drop-off only)



No tangles, cords,
hoses, hangers,
chains, or electronics

Collection Calendar

Missed collections and paid excess trash pick-up, call JRM at 800-323-HAUL (4285).



Weekly Unlimited Yard Waste Collection ends on Dec. 8, 2017 with one extra drop off day at DPW on Sat. Dec. 16, 9AM-noon. Curbside collection resumes week of April 16, 2018. Yard waste must be in barrels or paper bags labeled "yard waste" – no plastic bags. Tree branches must be 3 feet or shorter and under 1 inch thick. Branches may be bundled and must weigh less than 30 lbs. No stumps or rootballs of any size will be collected.

Christmas Tree Collection the week of Jan. 1, 2018 on your trash day. No plastic bags, No yard waste. One-day tree drop off at DPW, Sat., Jan. 13, 9AM to 12PM.



No collection (holiday). Trash delayed one day rest of week. Friday collections are on Saturday.



Household Hazardous Waste: Drop-off for Arlington residents at: 60 Hartwell Ave. Lexington – 9AM to 2PM. For full list of acceptable items please check: www.arlingtonma.gov/hhw.



Arlington Recycling Center: Open 9AM to 12PM promptly. Collecting the following harder-to-recycle-materials: textiles, books, foam, scrap metal, bulky rigid plastic, and electronic waste. During snow emergencies event is cancelled.

Arlington Public Works Hours and Contact Information

DPW Customer Service Office
51 Grove Street, 2nd Floor
Hours: Monday - Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Phone: 781-316-3108

Additional information can be found online at:
www.arlingtonma.gov/recycle

Receive trash and recycling reminders via email.
Subscribe to Town of Arlington Notices at:
www.arlingtonma.gov/subscribe

Arlington Recycling Center

Drop Off Recycling Options - Every Month at 51 Grove Street curbside items not accepted.
See calendar for exact dates.
9 a.m. - noon

Packing foam, Bulky rigid plastic, Electronic waste(some fees apply), books & media, clothes & textiles, propane tanks up to 20 lbs., and scrap metal.

Plus some batteries (re-chargable, lithium, nickel cadmium and button cell)

NO alkaline- those go in the trash.

Now accepting clean and dry bubble wrap, grocery bags, and packing peanuts (secured in a plastic bag).

Medical Sharps



2017: Aug. & Nov.
2018: Feb. & May

Place in a sharps disposal container.

Paper Shredding



2017: Sept. & Nov.
2018: May

Cash donations for Arlington Food
Pantry suggested.
Businesses pay \$5 per box.

Donate



2017: Oct.
2018: May

Clothing and small household
goods, more at mhsainc.org.

Bikes



2017: Oct.
2018: May

With bikesnotbombs.org
+\$10 cash donation appreciated.

Building Material



2017: Oct.
2018: May

Re-salable items only, first check
bostonbuildingresources.com

Volunteer !



Get involved!
Call 781-316-3108



Hoses are
trash



Latex paint must be
dried completely
then placed in trash



Return CFLs to hardware
stores for safe disposal,
others go in the trash



PVC pipe and vinyl
siding, in small
amounts, are trash



Soft foam is
trash